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SMOHIT Safety Sense
 Toolbox Talks for the Sheet Metal Industry

Adhesives

- One common use of adhesives is to bond thermal insulation duct liner on the interior of sheet metal air conditioning ducts.
- Adhesives are usually flammable in a liquid or wet state, and may be an explosive hazard due to the gases produced.
- Chemical overexposure to certain adhesives can cause dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, stupor, and unconsciousness.
- When working with adhesives:
 - Be sure you have read and understand the warning label on the container.
 - Make sure the work area is properly ventilated.
 - Cover your skin by wearing protective gloves and long sleeves, and use proper eye protection when handling adhesives.
 - Keep adhesive containers away from excessive heat and open flames.
 - Immediately clean up any spills involving adhesives and keep the spill area adequately ventilated.

Instructor Tips

- **Provide safety precautions for adhesives commonly used in the workplace.**

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